during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 (Kharif season) is given as under:—

(In thousand tonnes)

Year	Urea	DAP	SSP† Rock Phos	MOP
1990-91	0·45	0·21	0·66	0·13
1991-92	0·35	0·21	0·14	0·35
1992-93 (Kharif)	0·31	0·11	0·11	0·18

(c) and (d) The distribution of fertilisers under the Essential Commodities Act in the State of Arunachal Pradesh is effected by the State Government and its agencies in close coordination with the suppliers.

Excise duty Scam

127. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 6th April, 1992 under the caption 'Excise duty scam unearthed';

(b) whether prices of bulk drugs are taking into account as cost the Excise duty, net of MODVAT on intermediates in the production of bulk drugs;

(c) whether the units involved are earning by evading excise duty;

(d) if so, the steps taken to recover the excess earning from such units under the provisions of DPCO 1987; and

(e) what are the units against whom such steps have been taken or proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir and wherever there is any uncovered portion of excise duty under MODVAT Scheme it is taken as a part of cost of raw-material.

(c) to (e) Cases of evasion of excise duty do not fall under the purview of DPCO, 1987.

Exemption of bulk drugs from price control

128. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bulk drugs and formulations based thereon are exempted from Price control under DPCO if produced by a process developed through indigenous R&D;

(b) what are the steps necessary to obtain such exemption;

(c) the number of applications received for exemption till 30th June, 1992 and the number which have been approved and/or rejected since the commencement of DPCO, 1987; and

(d) the grounds on which any application has been rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Exemption from Price control is granted in respect of such bulk drugs as are produced by a unit from the basic stage by a process of manufacture developed through its own Research and Development effort for a specified period from the date of commencement of commercial production.

(b) The manufacturing units is required to make the request to the Govern-